Change to the Salmon Grants Manual for 2010

RCO staff, working with the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, lead entities, and regions, made several small revisions to manual 18, which guides salmon recovery grants, for this year's grants.

First, you'll notice a new look, organization, and format, all designed to make the manual easier to read and find information. Many of the appendixes, especially forms, are available only online at RCO's Web site, for ease in filling them out. See www.rco.wa.gov/doc pages/app materials.shtml#salmon.

The more significant changes include:

- Application deadline is August 25 (a week earlier)
- Lead entities will be using the Habitat Work Schedule to exchange information with RCO, and vice versa
- Complete pre-application materials required for Review Panel site visits
- Regional area meetings to focus on projects
- Refined Review Panel process

Notable administrative changes include:

- Alternate projects remain eligible for funding for one year (increased from 6 months).
- Pre-agreement purchase of some construction materials will be eligible for payment.
- Liability insurance on restoration projects is now eligible for payment.
- Sometimes, with pre-approval, attorney fees may be eligible for payment